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In re Application of:)
Yoshinobu ITO et al.) Confirmation No.: 6978
Application No.: 10/574,514) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: April 3, 2006) Examiner: Unassigned
For: GAS DISCHARGE TUBE, LIGHT)
SOURCE APPARATUS AND LIQUID)
CHROMATOGRAPH)

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Sir:

SUBMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the attached document. Attached is an English-language translation of an International Preliminary Report on Patentability (“IPRP”) dated January 17, 2008 that issued in a related PCT/JP2005/022790 application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the IPRP as it relates to the above-identified application.

While the IPRP cites to JP 59-215654, 2001-35238, JP 2001-256922, and 2001-256924, these documents are not attached hereto because they were previously filed in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on April 3, 2006.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute “prior art.” If it should be determined that any of the listed

documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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